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Advisory Announcement

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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 27, 2020.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 26, through 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 26, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Akwe River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 26, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 27, 2020.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from **6:00 a.m.**, **Sunday**, **July 26**, **through 6:00 p.m.**, **Wednesday**, **July 29**, **2020** with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27′ N lat, 139°32.62′ W long to a regulation marker directly across the inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long, and south of the regulation marker at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°34.64′ W long;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery is closed to the selling of Chinook salmon, but Chinook salmon may be retained for personal use.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

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Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 26 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y1020.

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